

Public Service Announcement General Election Day

When: Tuesday, November 5, 2013
Where: Sergeantsville Vol. Fire Company, Rt. 523
Time: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Term Expiring: 12/31/13: Don Scholl
Local Vacancy: One Township Committee position

2013 Republican Candidate: Joseph Vocke
2013 Democrat Candidate: Sam Thompson

October 15: Last Day to Register to Vote for November General Election.

Mail-in Balloting: Anyone can vote by mail. To receive the ballot by mail, Mail-In Ballot application must be received in the County Clerk's office by October 29th.

You can vote by Mail-In Ballot in person at the County Clerk's Office on Main Street in Flemington during regular office hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Deadline for returning a Civilian Mail-In Ballot Application in person at the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office is Mon., Nov. 4th by 3 p.m.

Voter registrations and Mail-In Ballot applications for both elections are available at the Township Building and online at www.njelections.org Click on "Voter Information." Under "How to Register" click on "Vote by Mail Ballot" and then click on "Hunterdon County." Mail the application to the Hunterdon County Clerk at P.O. Box 2900 Flemington, NJ 08822. Her office will mail you the actual ballot. You complete the ballot and return it to her office by mail or in person.

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Community Day: Saturday, October 5th

Mark your calendars for this year's Community Day which will be held Saturday, October 5th at Dilts Farm Park on Buchanan Road. In honor of the Township's 175th anniversary, a number of new events have been planned, including a 5K race and 1 mile family fun walk, and a special fireworks display. So come join your friends and neighbors for what promises to be a fun-filled day of celebration.

The festivities kick off at 9am with the 5K race and 9:15am with the fun walk. Registration and check-in for these events will be from 7:00-8:30am at the pavilion in Dilts Farm Park. An award ceremony will follow at 10:30am with prizes awarded to the first finisher in each age group. Registration fees are \$20 for the race and \$10 for the walk and everyone who pre-registers will be given a free T-shirt. To register in advance E-mail Stephanie Dunn at yourstef1@gmail.com or complete the registration form located on the Township website.

As in previous years, a variety of rides, businesses, artisans and food vendors will be on hand from noon until 5pm. Live music will be provided by area bands such as Tastes Like Chicken and Worst Case Scenario. Activities will include a classic car show as well as a baked-goods contest. There also will be a formation flying demonstration and a hot air balloon launch at dusk, followed by the fireworks display. Residents interested in registering for the car show or baking contest should contact Jen Gillooly at 908-782-2213 or e-mail Jenngillooly@gmail.com.

Please note that in the case of rain the event will be moved to October 12th. In addition, the 175th Anniversary Committee is seeking donations to help offset the cost of the fireworks display. Please make checks payable to "Delaware Township 175th Anniversary Fireworks Fund" and mail your donation to Delaware Township, P.O. Box 500, Sergeantsville, NJ 08557.



Meet Your Neighbor: WDVR 89.7 FM

By Mary Coffey

Delaware Township's Own Radio Station

What kind of music do you like? Popular, Oldies But Goodies, Big Band, Country, Folk Rock, Bluegrass, Classical? Do you like discussions or interviews on topics like "Dogs," "Gossip and News," "The World of Work," "The Environment," or "Seniors Issues"? WDVR does all of these and much more.

It was all started by Frank Napurano and his wife Ginny. Moving to Hunterdon County in 1971, Frank brought with him a deep interest in radio, and a dream to build and operate a local radio station dedicated to community and public service. However, because of the location in the area between New York and Philadelphia, there were no FM commercial frequencies available. Then in 1986, a colleague suggested he look into a noncommercial station. Though this would be harder to finance, a computer study showed that 89.7 FM was available. It took three years, but by 1989 the FCC granted a license.

The building which he bought, the old blacksmith shop (next to the General Store in Sergeantsville) had to be converted to a broadcasting studio. In 1990 Frank ran an ad in the Democrat asking for volunteers to help, and about 40 "brave souls" showed up to become part of this crazy idea to convert the blacksmith shop to a radio studio.

In addition, most of the broadcasting equipment was old and donated, and had to be rebuilt or repaired. After awhile, the garage at Frank and Ginny's farm began to "look and sound like Frankenstein's laboratory."

This "shaky crew" was trained in radio fundamentals, and in February 1990, all gathered nervously to hear the first broadcast over WDVR's airways. The rest is history.

Today WDVR has come light years. On the air and the internet 24/7, they now have eight computers, state-of-the-art digital consoles, and switchable studios. In December 2012 their new station WPNJ from Easton, Pa. went on the air. In February of 2013 they celebrated their 23rd anniversary.

Now WDVR has expanded their programming to include "Heartlands Hayride," a live radio show (like the "Grand Ol' Opry") two Saturdays a month at the Virginia Napurano Cultural Arts Center ("Ginny's Place"), located across from the Delaware Township School. Like a barn dance, local volunteers play instruments, sing, and offer meals for a modest price.

Financing a public-supported, non-profit venture is always a challenge. WDVR's daily operations are carried out by a team of dedicated volunteers. All funding is generated by listener donations and business un-

derwriters. WDVR currently offers three underwriting donation options for businesses. If you need information, or want to reach out to local customers and wish to donate, call 609-397-1620.

Free Rabies Clinic

The Delaware Twp. Board of Health will sponsor free RABIES VACCINATIONS for dogs and cats on Saturday, December 7, 2013, from 10:00 AM until noon at the Delaware Twp. Garage located at 816 Sergeantsville Road. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a pet carrier. All dogs and cats must be rabies-certified through October 2014 in order to get a license for them. This clinic is for rabies vaccinations only; no payments for licensing will be accepted at this facility.

ALL DOGS AND CATS must be LICENSED in Delaware Township NO LATER than February 28, 2014. Licensing forms will appear in the next newsletter, or can be obtained on the Township website at www.DelawareTwpNJ.org. NO LICENSING FORMS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU. If you do not license your pet by the deadline, you will incur a late fee. If you have questions, or no longer own a previously-licensed dog or cat, call the Delaware Township at 609-397-3240.

NOTE: If you cannot have your pet vaccinated on December 7, other municipalities give rabies shots for pets for all NJ residents. If you choose to go to one of these facilities please be sure to obtain the required proof of vaccination to attach to your Delaware Twp license application form for a dog or cat. For other rabies clinics dates and locations, call the Hunterdon County Department of Health at 908-788-1351.

Sergeantsville Farmers' Market Harvest Festival September 21st

The second annual Harvest Festival will be held at the Sergeantsville Farmers' Market on September 21st, from 8:30 to 12:00. It will feature live animals and fun for the whole family. It is part of the 9th Season of the Sergeantsville Market which is in full swing and better than ever. The market is held each Saturday morning from 8:30 till noon on the Village Green across from the Municipal building through the end of October. By patronizing The Market, you are supporting local farmers and artisans. Info: Jack Gaskill at 908-268-3641, or www.sergeantsvillefarmersmarket

Household Computer and Electronics Collection Day: Oct. 12, 2013 — Info: hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us

8th Grade Citizenship Essay Contest Winner: Therese Grana

This year to celebrate the Township's 175th Anniversary, the Township Committee-sponsored essay contest topic was "What My Life Would Have been Like as a Teenager in 1838." Thanks to the Hunterdon County Library for providing source materials and to Social Studies teacher Ellen McShane for coordinating the contest. The Township Committee selected the following winning essay and Ms. Grana was presented with her award at graduation. The essay was written in the form of a letter. The references are not included here. -- Susan Lockwood

May 16, 1838

Hello future reader, my name is Caroline Westfield. I am the daughter of Henry and Edith Westfield. I am at the age of fourteen, and I lived on the land in which you dug this letter up. I was awfully bored today and drifted off into thought about the future and how people would remember the 1800's. So I decided to write a letter explaining my daily life then bury it for someone to find.

Let me begin with telling you about myself. As I previously mentioned I am a fourteen year old girl, I work on my family's farm, and attend school when I have time. I have dark hair and big brown eyes. I am always up for adventure, excitement, and learning. My favorite way to relax from work is reading a book in the serenity of the woods. When I am older I want to be a writer or a speaker, but my family and society expects me to work on the farm and get married. I as a young woman do not have much say in the direction of my life. Men are seen as superior to women in every aspect. I hate how we do not have the same rights as a man does. Hopefully this is no longer true by the time you are reading this.

To continue with my introduction of myself, I will tell you about my family. My family is considered middle class and earns a living by farming the land we own, where you found this letter. Our farm consists of some cattle, pigs and chickens, but we mostly plant corn and other crops. I help my mother with all the house chores and assist in caring for my four younger siblings that always find a way to get on my nerves. We live in a farming community called Skunktown in the state of New Jersey. I wonder if Skunktown has changed since 1838 to the time you are reading this. It would be a shame if you could not see the rolling hills, open land, clean air, and the covered bridge that I enjoy so much. As you know everything changes over time and nothing stays the same. Life must be so different for you compared to the way it was for me.

Every day I wake up at the crack of dawn and begin my chores. I will feed the chickens, sweep the floor, and help my mother prepare breakfast for the family. My usual breakfast is some porridge cooked on a cast iron stove. After breakfast I put my clothes on. Clothing in rural towns like where I live is made at home. My mother uses flax and wool to make my family's clothing. She teaches me how to spin, weave, and dye the wool and spin the flax into linen. Boys and girls wear linen dresses until they are six years old then they begin to dress like their parents. I wear stockings, drawers, a chemise,

and a corset as my undergarments. I wear the same gown as my mother. It has a high waist, a narrow skirt and simple lines. As for my hair, I have been wearing it up in a bun with a cap since the age of twelve. Whenever I am outside I always make sure to wear my large straw hat for suntans are considered terribly unattractive. When I finished getting dressed I head off to school.

I walk two miles to school carrying a few books, a slate, and my lunch pail. The school building is one room and there are children of all ages. My teacher is a local single woman, her desk is set up at one end of the room with our desks in the middle and a wood stove on the other side. During the planting and harvest seasons I cannot attend school since I am needed home at the farm for work. This is my last year of school. I will not be continuing my schooling because my parents cannot afford it. Not many women attend high school or college anyway.

When I was five years old I started doing chores with my mother. I cook, clean, do the laundry, make candles, sew clothes, prepare fibers to weave, care for my siblings, preserve foods, bake bread, make cheese, churn butter, collect eggs, and milk cows. This may sound like a lot of work to you, but it has to be done to keep the household going. The men and boys do the farming work, while the women are in charge of the housework. As I do my work at home, it helps my mother and prepares me for my adult life that is already chosen for me.

In my free time I think about traveling to the cities and perhaps getting a job as journalist. It sounds crazy, I know, it is probably just mindless dreaming, but if I could find a way to continue my education and have society accept women in the work field I would take a wagon to Philadelphia. There I would find a factory job until I got hired as a writer. As of now I will stay in the calm and quiet Skunktown to work on my family's farm and then marry a young man of my father's approval. This will be my future, unless I take action.

Life in the 1800's for me is quite simple and rather dull. The whole day consists of work that is never easy. There is not much excitement here either. Neighbors are not close and the nearest stores are not in walking distance when living in a farming town. I hope as you read this you realize how lucky the people of your time are if changes to the quality of life and society happen.

I wish you the best of luck in your life in Skunktown. May all your days be happy.

Sincerely,
Caroline Westfield

P.S. After reading my letter can you please donate it to the county or perhaps a museum? I have always had a love for history and having my writing in a place where others could see would be a dream come true.

Household Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Day:
Nov. 9, 2013 — Info: hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us

Recreation Commission Events

Township Wide Yard Sale—September 7th

Turn that basement clutter into cash! The Recreation Commission will host the Township-wide yard sale on Saturday, September 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. Residents interested in participating should register by calling 609-397-3240, Ext. 205 no later than September 3. There is no fee to register for the sale. Maps locating participating households by street location will be available for purchase from 8:30 a.m. to Noon on the day of the sale at the Township Building. The Township will advertise the sale in the Democrat. You may want to post a sign at your driveway to make it easier for buyers to find your house.

Basketball and Volleyball

As of press time, the Recreation Commission requested permission from Delaware Township School Board of Education to hold the following recreational activities. Approval from DTS is first required. These dates and times are tentative only. These activities are not held when there is no school that day. DTS activities take precedence over Recreation Commission activities. These recreational activities are available to Township residents only. All skill levels are welcome! The games are friendly and lots of fun. Come once or come every time.

Adult men's basketball on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 7 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria beginning October 1st through April 2014.

Adult women's basketball on Monday nights, 7 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria October 7th through April 2014.

NOTE: Last year there were not enough women players to keep the program going, and DTAA took over this time slot. If you like to play basketball, call your friends now and arrange to meet and play together regularly starting October 7th.

Adult Coed volleyball on Wednesday nights, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at DTS cafeteria beginning October 2nd through April 2014.

Teen Coed basketball and/or volleyball on Friday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. at DTS cafeteria beginning October 4th through April 2014.

Getting Ready for the Holidays...

Visit Santa at Township Building

Santa is coming to the Township Building on Saturday, December 7th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Enjoy a treat and a chance to see Santa. Bring your little ones and a camera!

Holiday Decorating Contest

Candles in the windows, wreaths on the door, Santa and reindeer on the roof - Calling all blinking lights, lawn inflatables, mechanized deer, rooftop sleighs, and more! Show off your holiday décor and maybe win a restaurant gift certificate in the Annual Delaware Township Holiday Decorating Contest. The preliminary judging will take place on the weekend of December 7 and 8 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with the

final judging happening on the night of Monday, December 9th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Remember: turn your festive lights on. Call the Township Building if your house is not visible from the road and you want it to be considered in the judging.

Holiday Trip

The Recreation Commission is planning a holiday trip in December. The exact location, time, date and cost are still under consideration, but the details will be finalized this fall. Check the Township's website or call the Township Building for more information.

March on Litter Day: October 12, 2013

The Environmental Commission's annual March on Litter will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2013 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Rain or Shine. It begins and ends at the Dilts Farm Park. All are invited to attend and help maintain the beauty of Delaware Township. All participants will be provided with gloves, garbage bags, and the annual tee-shirt. The tee-shirt color is ALWAYS a surprise! Lunch will be provided.

Adult volunteers are needed to accompany our many young volunteers. Children from Kindergarten through 8th Grade participate in this event, so adult assistance is really needed. See you at the Park!

Sponsored by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection Clean Communities Program and the Delaware Township Environmental Commission.

PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND WATCH FOR CHILDREN ON OUR ROADS!

From the Hunterdon Gazette, August 8, 1838

Editor's Note: This is the first part of the published "Rules for Wives." If there were any "rules for husbands," I did not find them! Susan Lockwood

PRACTICAL "RULES FOR THE PROMOTION OF DOMESTIC HAPPINESS"

by M. Carey

RULES FOR WIVES

- I. Always receive your husband with smiles—leaving nothing undone to render home agreeable—and gratefully reciprocating his kindness and attention.
- II. Study to gratify his inclinations, in regard to food and cookery; in the management of the family; in your dress, manners, and deportment.
- III. Never attempt to rule or appear to rule your husband. Such conduct degrades husbands—and wives always partake largely in the degradation of their husbands.
- IV. In every thing reasonable comply with his wishes with cheerfulness—and even as far as possible anticipate them.

Your Property Tax Dollars

By now, you have received your property tax assessment for the year. It's good to be aware of and understand where your tax dollars go. This year, you will pay \$2.40 for every \$100 of the assessed value of your home. Here's how that \$2.40 is spent (please note that numbers were rounded):

98 cents to Hunterdon Central School (40.8%)
 64 cents to Delaware Township School (26.6%)
 35 cents to Hunterdon County (14.6%)
 31 cents to Delaware Township (12.9%)
 6 cents to Delaware Township Open Space Fund (2.5%)
 3.5 cents to Hunterdon County Open Space Fund (1.4%)
 3.5 cents to Hunterdon County Library (1.4%)

It quickly becomes obvious that more than 2/3 of our property taxes go to fund the schools. The Federal Education Budget Project shows that New Jersey was among the top five States for the amount it pays to educate a child (\$16,271/student). Further, according to the U.S. Department of Education, in the 1970s states relied heavily on property taxes for school funding, but since that time, most States shifted to rely less on property taxes and more on State income and sales taxes. In fact, only seven States exceed NJ's reliance on property taxes to fund their schools.

Locktown Stone Church

This fall, in addition to the annual Fall Concert series, the Locktown Stone Church will host a poetry reading. Check the website www.locktownstonechurch.org for details.

Contractors have been making minor exterior repairs to the fascia and soffits of the roof. The work will be repainted. A grant from the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission financed part of this project, and FLSC has matched the grant to pay for the work. The ceiling will be painted before the fall events. We have submitted a grant application to the State of NJ to install copper gutters and downspouts to try and control the moisture problems that plague the building.

Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company

The SVFC is now distributing newer, more visible reflective house number signs for a \$15 contribution, available every Wednesday between 7 and 9 p.m. at the firehouse -- 761 Sergeantsville Road (Rt. 523) -- or ordered on line: store@sergeantsville.org or by phone: 609-397-3369.

Thanksgiving in the County Nov. 2-3

Thanksgiving in the Country House Tour is celebrating its 40th and final year as one of Hunterdon County's most unique and memorable events. The tour will be held on Saturday Nov. 2 & Sunday November 3 originating in Sergeantsville, NJ. Also, because Delaware Township is celebrating its 175th anniversary, the tour will focus on the history of Raven Rock and surrounding area. You can meet R. Curt Chinnici, one of the authors of "Stories from Raven Rock."

Thanksgiving in the Country House Tour began in 1973 and over the past 40 years has donated over \$600,000 to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Facial Reconstruction Unit. Harriet Fisher used this tour as an opportunity to give back for the miraculous care given to her now adult son. In 1973, she hosted a tea and raised the first \$50 and donated all to the hospital.

The Tour will begin at 9:00 am at the Sergeantsville Municipal Building and buses will transport guests to the homes. There will be guides on the buses to share Hunterdon County's scenic and most interesting sights along the way. Please plan to start your tour by 1:00 pm. All homes will close at 5:00 pm both days.

The Tour also includes area crafters, a complimentary tea at historic Prallsville Mill, delicious baked goods, and our traditional luncheon at the Sergeantsville Methodist Church. Lunch will be available from 11-3 at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

House tour tickets go on sale October 1 and advanced tickets can be purchased until October 31 for \$22 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. Send check or money order (no credit cards) to Thanksgiving in the Country, PO Box 267, Sergeantsville, NJ 08557. You may pick up tickets the day of the event. Tickets may also be purchased on tour days at \$27 for adults and \$8 for children by check or cash. More ticket information is available by calling Barbara Newbaker (609) 397-0460.

We wish to thank Harriet, the generous volunteers, the homeowners who shared their beautiful homes, and the dedicated tour goers who came year after year. Info: www.thanksgivinginthecountry.com or email laura@chamberswalk.com

Free Document Shredder Day: Sept 14

Delaware Township will offer residents free personal document shredding on Sat., Sept. 14 (rain or shine) 9am-11am at the Township Garage, 816 Sergeantsville Road. Assure Shred operates a large truck with a Pierce-and-Tear shredding system. You can view the process through a closed-circuit monitor mounted on the truck. NO need to remove staples, paperclips, or small fasteners. Certificates of destruction are issued. Paid for by the Township Recycling Trust Fund.

Community Calendar

August 28 Great Tomato Tasting at Rutgers Research 3 pm to Dusk.

September 2 Labor Day. Township Offices Closed.

September 7 Township Wide Yard Sale. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Maps for sale from 8:30 a.m. to Noon at the Township Building.

September 14 Document Shredder Day. NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Township Garage.

September 19 Well test kits go on sale at Township Building.

October 5 175th Anniversary 5K Race.

October 5 Community Day. Noon to 8 p.m. at Dilts Farm Park on Buchanan Rd.

October 12 Community Day Rain Date.

October 12 March on Litter Day. 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Dilts Farm Park.

October 12 Computer and Electronics Collection Day. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

October 14 Columbus Day. Township Offices Closed.

October 16 Special Senate Election. 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at SVFC.

October 16 Drop off Well Test Kits at Township Building. 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

October 19 Township Clean Up Day. 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Permit required.

October 27 Halloween Party at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company. Parade – Check with Fire Company to verify date and time.

October 31 Halloween Trick or Treating.

November 2-3 Thanksgiving in the Country Annual House Tour. See article.

November 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends – Fall back!

November 5 General Election Day 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Vote at SVFC.

November 9 Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day.

November 11 Veterans Day – Township Offices Closed

November 16 Clean Up Day. 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Permit required.

November 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday – Township Offices Closed.

December 7 Free Rabies Clinic at Township Garage. Rt. 523 10 a.m. to Noon. See article.

December 7 Santa comes to Township Building. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. .

December 7-8 Pre Judging for Holiday Decorating Contest starting 6 p.m. each night.

December 9 Holiday Decorating Contest Final Judging starting at 7 p.m.

Township Committee:(usually Mondays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/9, 9/30, Tuesday 10/15, 10/28, Tuesday 11/12, 11/25, and 12/9.

Planning Board:(usually Tuesdays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, Wednesday, 11/6, 11/19 and 12/3.

Board of Health: (usually Mondays) 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 9/4, 10/7, 11/4 and 12/2.

Open Space Committee: (usually Mondays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/16, 10/21, 11/18 and 12/16.

Board of Adjustment: (usually Thursdays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, and 12/12.

Recreation Commission: (usually Mondays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/9, 10/7, 11/4, and 12/2.

Environmental Commission: (usually Wednesdays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/18, 10/16, 11/20, and 12/18.

Agricultural Advisory Committee: (usually Tuesdays) 7:00 p.m. on 9/3, 10/1, Wednesday 11/6, and 12/3.

Shade Tree Commission: (usually Thursdays) 7:00 p.m. on 9/26, 10/24, 11/21, and 12/26.

D.T.M.U.A.: 7:30 p.m. on 9/5, 10/3, 11/7, and 12/5.

Historic Advisory Committee: (usually Mondays) 7:30 p.m. on 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, and 12/4.

Recycling Depot: Saturdays – 9/28, 10/27, 11/30 and 12/28 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Delaware Township Garage on Rt. 523.

Delaware Township Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens – For membership information call Jeanette Smith at 609-397-3472. Meetings at Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Co.

September 4 Covered Dish Picnic at Noon.

October 2 at 1 p.m.

November 6 At 1 p.m.

December 4 Holiday Party for members with paid up dues and three attended meetings. Noon. Place TBA.

Senior Trips:

All activities require a reservation by calling Dorothy Kurzenberger at 908-782-0635 or Dorothy Gilde at 609-397-2097. Please make all checks payable to “Delaware Township Seniors Group.” Bus leaves from Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company in Sergeantsville.

Oct. 1 Tuesday “The Swing Dolls” Penn’s Peak – Jim Thorpe, PA. A Tribute to The Andrews Sisters and McGuire Sisters. Bus Departs 9 a.m. Arrive Home around 5/5:30 p.m. \$44 Members \$49 Guests.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Nov. 13 Wednesday "A Playhouse Christmas" Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Choice of Menu provided when signing up. Everyone provides own transportation. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. \$58.50 Members \$58.50 Guests.

Dec. 4 Wednesday Free Christmas party for Members (dues paid up and attended three meetings) Place TBA 12 Noon.

Classes for Seniors

Call 908-788-1359 for information about upcoming senior citizens' activities and classes in Hunterdon County or go to www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/aging.

Seniors' Yoga Class

The Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services offers yoga classes at the Township Building. The cost is \$25 for 8 sessions. There is a class at 9:30 a.m. and a second class at 11 a.m. You need a mat and comfortable clothing. Kim Karsh is a certified personal trainer and registered yoga teacher. Call her at 732-690-4000 to register for the next session.

AARP Defensive Driving Schedule

Day classes run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fridays: September 13, October 11, and November 8. \$12 fee for AARP members. \$14 for all others. Classes are available for all drivers, not just senior citizens. Call Rich for reservations and information at 908-806-5509 at the Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services.

Delaware Township School Calendar

September 3 Faculty and Staff report

September 4 Students report for first day of 2013-2014 school year

September 13 School Closed. Staff Development

October 16 Early Dismissal – Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 17 Early Dismissal – Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 18 Delayed Opening – Morning Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 6 Early Dismissal.

November 7-8 School Closed. NJEA Convention.

November 27 Early Dismissal.

November 28-29 School Closed – Thanksgiving Recess

DTS Board of Education – Meets in Performing Arts Room Center at 7:30 p.m. on 9/24, 10/22, 11/26, and 12/17.

Hunterdon Central Regional H.S. Board of Ed – Meets in the IMC/Library at 7 p.m. on 9/16, 10/21, 11/18 and 12/16.

Delaware Township Historical Society

The Delaware Township Historical Society meets regularly. Contact Marilyn Cummings at 609-397-5363 for information. New members are always welcome.

Amwell Church of the Brethren

40 Sandbrook Headquarters Rd., Stockton, NJ 08559
Phone 609-397-4842 Fax 609-397-9445

www.amwell.com Services broadcast: WDVR 89.7 FM

September 8: Return to regular hours. Sunday School for all ages 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

September 20 and 21: Rummage Sale. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

October 6: Youth Sunday 9:45 a.m.

October 27: Friends' Day 9:45 a.m. Come join us in remembering and honoring our seniors. .

November 27: Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7 p.m.

Youth Group: Every Friday evening at 7 p.m. Kindergarten through young adults welcome.

Cornerstone Christian Church

Cornerstone Christian Church: Sunday School – 9:15 a.m. Worship Service – 10:30 a.m. 126 Locktown-Sergeantsville Road 908-237-5227 Rev. Keith Harris, Pastor www.ccc-hc.org

2nd Annual Harvest Fall Festival: Saturday, Sept. 28th 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Rain Date: Sunday, Sept. 29th 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fun for the whole family and everything is FREE! Parking included. Games, Inflatables, dunk tank, crafts, food, antique cars, pony rides: Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead

The Holcombe Jimison Farmstead is open on Sunday afternoons through October 27, 2013. Admission fee \$5 adults, \$3 students. www.holcombe-jimison.org

Annual Great Tomato Tasting At Rutgers Snyder Farm

The annual Great Tomato Tasting and Open House will take place at the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Melda C. Snyder Farm on Wednesday, August 28th from 3 p.m. to dusk. Rain or shine. 140 Locust Grove Road, Pittstown, NJ. For information and to RSVP: call 908-713-8980 or go to www.snyderfarm.rutgers.edu/tomatoes.html

Delaware Township
Hunterdon County, NJ
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Public Service Announcement Special Election Day—U.S. Senate

When: Wednesday, October 16, 2013
Where: Sergeantsville Vol. Fire Company, Rt. 523
Time: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Term Expiring 12/31/13: Senator Frank Lautenberg

2013 Republican Candidate: To be decided at Special Primary Election

2013 Democrat Candidate: To be decided at Special Primary Election

September 25: Last Day to Register to Vote for Special October Election

Mail-in Balloting: Anyone can vote by mail. To receive the ballot by mail, the Mail-In Ballot application must be received in the County Clerk's office by October 9th.

You can vote by Mail-In Ballot in person at the County Clerk's Office on Main Street in Flemington during regular office hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; The deadline for returning a Civilian Mail-In Ballot Application in person at the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office is Tuesday, October 15th by 3 p.m.

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Well Water Test Kits Available

The Delaware Township Environmental Commission and the Raritan Headwaters Association (RHA) are co-sponsoring a community well-testing program for homeowners to test their drinking water for chemical and biological contaminants. Water test kits will be available for purchase at Community Day, October 5 from 12-4pm (rain date October 12) and from September 19th to October 15th at the Township Building.

Test kits are purchased using a check (no cash) payable to the Raritan Headwaters Association. Residents will have to return their filled sample containers and completed paperwork to the Township Building on Wednesday, October 16th between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Test results are confidential, however the Township receives a generic notice about the findings so that it can act if it appears that a public health concern exists.

Basic kits test for total and fecal coliform bacteria, and nitrate levels and cost \$60. Other tests are available for additional fees: Lead-\$25; Volatile Organics (62 chemicals)-\$95; Arsenic-\$35; Pesticides (18 chemicals)-\$135; Radon-\$75; Iron-\$15; Manganese-\$15; and Gross Alpha (radioactive contaminants)-\$75.

For more information about RHA's well testing program, please call (908) 234-1852 or e-mail to welltesting@raritanheadwaters.org

175th Anniversary T-Shirts

Have you purchased your commemorative Delaware Township 175th Anniversary T-shirt yet? Shirts are still available for sale at the Town Hall. Adult sizes are \$12.00 and children's shirts are \$10.00. Shirts will also be available at Community Day.